

# GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: PAPER 2

Total time: 1 hour 45 minutes. Two sources (nonfiction). **Read the sources carefully, starting with the boxes at the top, before you start.**

Q1	4 marks max 5 mins	<p><b>Choose four true statements.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on the right lines of the right source.</li> <li>Read the statements and the text very carefully. Shade the four correct circles in pen.</li> <li>Double check your choices. Make sure the ones you haven't shaded aren't true.</li> </ul>	
Q2	8 marks up to 15 mins 1-2 pages	<p><b>Write a summary of what you understand about the different/similar...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read both sources and highlight any <b>evidence</b> linked to the topic.</li> <li>Make notes on the <b>inferences</b> you can make from the evidence.</li> <li>Summarise the evidence in Source A and make inferences. Use a comparing <b>connective</b> then do the same for Source B. (If possible, explain the differences/similarities in more detail.)</li> </ul>	<p>In Source A, ... <b>This suggests...</b></p> <p><b>However/Similarly</b>, in Source B, ... <b>This suggests...</b></p> <p>Overall, ...</p>
Q3	8 marks up to 15 mins 2 pages	<p><b>How does the writer use language to...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pick <b>3 juicy quotes</b> from the right lines (metaphorical is best!)</li> <li>Annotate a <b>key word/image</b> from each quote with as many <b>precise meanings</b> as possible</li> <li>Use <b>subject terminology</b> when writing about each feature (e.g. metaphor, lexical choice)</li> <li>Explain the precise meanings of each word when writing your answer, then link this to what it shows about the topic of the question (its <b>effects</b>).</li> </ul>	<p>The writer describes _____ as '[quote]'. The use of the <b>[subject term]</b> '...' evokes thoughts/the idea/an image of <b>[precise meanings]</b>. Therefore, this suggests <b>[effects]</b> about topic].</p>
Q4	16 marks up to 25 mins 2-4 pages	<p><b>Compare how the writers convey their different/similar perspectives about...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read both sources carefully, picking out a <b>range of quotations</b> that show <b>each writer's thoughts/feelings</b> about the topic. Think about the <b>tone(s)</b> they create (this could change!)</li> <li>Look for any <b>key words</b> and any other <b>methods</b> you could <b>analyse</b>. Annotate them.</li> <li>Your response must be <b>detailed</b>, explaining each writer's perspective (thoughts and feelings) about the topic, supported with <b>analysis</b> of their <b>methods</b>.</li> <li>Use <b>connectives</b> when comparing one writer to another. If possible, compare in more detail.</li> </ul>	<p>The writer in A <b>thinks/feels...</b> because...</p> <p>The use of the <b>[subject term]</b> '...' evokes thoughts/the idea/an image of <b>[precise meanings]</b>. Therefore, this suggests <b>[effects]</b> about topic].</p> <p><b>However/Similarly</b>, writer B... + analysis.</p>
Q5	40 marks 40 mins Planning page and 2-4 pages of writing	<p><b>Viewpoint writing task based on a statement. Write an article (needs a title).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read the statement carefully, break it down and make notes about your ideas. Decide your point of view. Think about what would appeal to the <b>audience</b> of the article.</li> <li><b>Plan</b> your <b>structure</b> thoughtfully. Begin with a powerful opening e.g. creating a persuasive image using your <b>descriptive</b> skills – show, don't tell!</li> <li>Work through your points, including <b>counter-arguments</b> where appropriate.</li> <li><b>Don't rush</b> your writing. Make sure it is <b>thoughtful, convincing and accurate</b>.</li> <li>Use <b>rhetorical features</b>, making sure you create <b>ethos, pathos and logos</b>.</li> <li><b>Edit and improve</b> your writing as you go along and when checking at the end.</li> <li>If you can, remember and use the <b>sentence structures</b> from the Writing Strategy in class.</li> <li>Make sure you <b>include all the skills</b> needed to earn marks →</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sentences:</b> use a range of types and starters. Use a <b>short sentence</b> for effect.</li> <li><b>Paragraphs:</b> use them! Include a powerful <b>one-sentence paragraph</b>.</li> <li><b>Punctuation:</b> accurate and varied. Semicolons (;) join two sentences.</li> <li><b>Techniques:</b> e.g. simile, metaphor, rhetorical question. Be original.</li> <li><b>Vocabulary:</b> always use the most powerful words you can think of.</li> </ul>